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NO.16. POPULATION OF STATES AND TERRITORIES OF AUSTRALIA

This Bulletin contains interim figures of the population in each State and Territory within Australia at the Census of 30th June, 1961, together with final figures for the previous Census in 1954.

The figures for 1961 are in interim form because they are derived from the preliminary check of the Census Schedules and are subject to amendment on completion of tabulation. They include "migratory" population which comprises all persons, not elsewhere enumerated, who spent Census night on ships, or long distance trains, motor coaches or aircraft.

The 1961 Census figures in this statement should not be compared with previously published quarterly estimates of population which are subject to post-censal adjustment. This will not be completed for several weeks.

POPULATION IN STATES AND TERRITORIES, 30TH JUNE, 1954 AND 1961

(Exclusive of Full-blood Aboriginals)

NOTE: The 1961 figures are derived from the preliminary check of the Census Schedules and are subject to amendment on completion of tabulation.

State or Territory	Census, 30th June, 1954			Census, 30th June, 1961		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
New South Wales	1,720,860	1,702,669	3,423,529	1,972,936	1,943,971	3,916,907
Victoria	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	1,474,530	1,455,714	2,930,244
Queensland	676,252	642,007	1,318,259	774,448	744,411	1,518,859
South Australia	403,903	393,191	797,094	490,186	479,072	969,258
Western Australia	330,358	309,413	639,771	375,452	361,172	736,624
Tasmania	157,129	151,623	308,752	177,622	172,710	350,332
Northern Territory	10,288	6,181	16,469	16,252	10,887	27,139
Australian Capital Territory	16,229	14,086	30,315	30,858	27,970	58,828
AUSTRALIA	4,546,118	4,440,412	8,986,530	5,312,284	5,195,907	10,508,191

The total increase in population in Australia during the intercensal period as disclosed by these figures was 1,521,661 or 16.93 per cent. This represented an average increase of 217,380 or 2.26 per cent. per annum. Similar details for each State and Territory are shown in the following table.

INTERCENSAL INCREASE IN POPULATION IN STATES AND TERRITORIES

1954 TO 1961 (7 YEARS)

(Figures subject to amendment)

State or Territory	Numerical Increase	Percentage Increase	Average Annual Rate of Increase Per Cent
New South Wales	493,378	14.41	1.94
Victoria	477,903	19.49	2.58
Queensland	200,600	15.22	2.04
South Australia	172,164	21.60	2.83
Western Australia	96,853	15.14	2.03
Tasmania	41,580	13.47	1.82
Northern Territory	10,670	64.79	7.40
Australian Capital Territory	28,513	94.06	9.93
AUSTRALIA	1,521,661	16.93	2.26

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